

HOPEDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC EDUCATION DIVISION



*STUDENT
AWARENESS OF
FIRE
EDUCATION*

Saving lives through Fire & Life Safety Education



School Based SAFE Curriculum

- Stop, Drop and Roll
- Crawl Low Under Smoke
- Recognizing Firefighters as Community Helpers
- What is Fire?
- Home Escape Plans
- Fire Safety (Match & Lighter Safety, ect)
- Carbon Monoxide
- Recognizing & Reporting Emergencies
- Heart Sources and Transfer Methods
- Cooking Safety
- Fire Extinguishers
- Tobacco, Drug and Alcohol Safety
- CPR & AED
- And more!

FIRE DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 **HAS FALLEN BY 72%** SINCE THE START OF THE SAFE PROGRAM IN THE FALL OF 1995!

The Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Program was created in 1995 as a way for Fire Departments to provide fire and life safety education to school aged children. Since then, it has expanded to include Senior SAFE, in an attempt to provide much needed fire and life safety education to the senior citizens in our communities.

Since its inception, there have been nearly 400 documented instances where children applied the knowledge and skills they have learned through the SAFE Program during an actual emergency and as a result saved not only their own lives, but the lives of others.

To assist local Fire and Life Safety Educator's, the Massachusetts Public Fire and Safety Education Curriculum Planning Guidebook was developed. Educators identified 23 key fire safety behaviors that should be taught in the schools. The Guidebook links each behavior with the Massachusetts Comprehensive Health Curriculum Frameworks and specifically states with strand the key behavior covers.

Fire and Life Safety Education in Hopedale

OUR SAFE EDUCATORS SPEND FOUR WEEKS PER YEAR IN THE HOPEDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND EDUCATE OVER 1,000 STUDENTS!

CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

Our SAFE Educators work closely in conjunction with the Health Teachers at Memorial Elementary School and at the Hopedale Junior-Senior High School as well as the Nurse at Bright Beginnings Center to provide the highest quality training to our children each year in the spring. Utilizing a variety of instructional methods tailored to the age of the students. Instructional methods include demonstrations, lecture (to include PowerPoint), in-class handouts and activities and games. Lesson plans are created for each grade, and are typically reviewed annually by the SAFE Coordinator and the Health Teachers to ensure that the must up to date and relevant information is presented to the students.. Examples of the special activities

- Sprinkler Demonstrations (Kindergarten and First Grade)
- Match & Light Safety Game (First Grade)
- DFS Multi-Hazard Trailer: Reporting Emergencies (Second Grade)
- Smoke Trailer (Fourth Grade)
- Fire & Life Safety Jeopardy (Fifth Grade)
- Fire Extinguishers (Sixth Grade)
- And More!

SAFE/SPRINKLER TRAILER

The SAFE program obtains the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Safe/Sprinkler Trailer annually to provide realistic training in smokey conditions, as well as utilizing the inhouse phone system to train students in reporting emergencies via 9-1-1. In addition, the trailer is utilized to show the effectiveness and limitations of sprinkler systems.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Beginning in fifth grade, students receive basic classroom instruction on the various types of fire extinguishers and their use. In sixth grade, students get to apply what they learned by putting out controlled fires under the direct supervision of Hopedale Firefighters.

IMPAIRMENT GOGGLES

Utilizing state of the art impairment goggles, from Drunk Busters of America, LLC after in depth classroom review of various substances that can be harmful to students, they are given simple fine motor control skills to be completed while wearing the impairment goggles to show the dangers of these substances.



PUBLIC FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR

Educators attend the Public Fire and Life Safety Educator (PFALSE) Course through the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA). The course runs approximately five weeks with forty hours of classroom instruction. Topics covered include child development; how people learn, focusing on different learning styles and the seven intelligences; lesson planning; curricula review; public speaking; program evaluation and connecting lessons to the Massachusetts Health Curriculum Frameworks. The course meets and exceeds the job performance requirements in the NFPA Standard 1035: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire and Life Safety Educator. Successful completion allows the firefighter to sit for the National ProBoard Fire and Life Safety Educator certification exam.

HOPEDALE POLICE ASSIST WITH STUDENT EDUCATION

The SAFE Coordinator works closely with the Hopedale Police Department School Resource Officer to ensure that all aspects of Fire and Life Safety are adequately covered and to provide a different perspective from another agency. Specifically the School Resource Office assists with teaching Home Alone Safety, Babysitting and Alcohol and Tobacco safety and awareness.

STUDENT AWARENESS OF FIRE EDUCATION (SAFE) PROGRAM FUNDING

Through the continual re-evaluation and development of the Hopedale Fire Department SAFE Program, we continue to expand the program each year. The cost of the program has risen to approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year.

The vast majority of the program is funded through an annual grant (Student Awareness of Fire Education & Senior Safe Grant) obtained through the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services totaling approximately \$6,000.00 leaving the Fire Department with a deficit of \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year.

DONATE TODAY!

The Hopedale Fire Department: Public Education Division is seeking donations of \$100.00 or more to assist in closing our budget deficit so that we can ensure all of our students continue to receive a high quality Fire and Life Safety Education. Your Company Name and/or Logo may be displayed on our website, banners or pamphlets as a program sponsor!

Funds will be utilizing for the following:

- Fire & Life Safety Educator Training
- Fire & Life Safety Presentations
- SAFE Program Accessories (Helmets, Badges, Bags, ect)
- Educational/Teaching Aids
- Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors (Senior SAFE Program)
- Lock Boxes (Senior SAFE Program)

All donations should be made payable to the "Town of Hopedale" and Reference: "SAFE Program". Please mail to:

Hopedale Fire Department
Attn: Chief Thomas Daige
40 Dutcher St,
Hopedale, MA 01747

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